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Tragedy stuns family who boarded Cruz



SUSAN STOCKER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kimberly and James Snead, the family that let Parkland school shooter Nikolas Cruz live in their home, recount the day of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High that left 17 students and staff dead.

‘We had this monster living under our roof’

BY PAULA MCMAHON
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Nikolas Cruz was immature, quirky and depressed when James and Kimberly Snead took him into their home. But he was pleasant and seemed to be growing happier, they said. How the 19-year-old turned into an alleged killer still baffles them. “We had this monster living under our roof and we didn’t

know,” Kimberly Snead told the Sentinel in an exclusive interview Saturday. “We didn’t see this side of him.” “Everything everybody seems to know, we didn’t know,” James Snead said. “It’s as simple as that.” Cruz still lived with the Sneads on Wednesday when he allegedly walked into Marjory

Stoneman Douglas High School with an AR-15 rifle and killed 17 people. The Sneads’ son had asked whether his friend Cruz could move into their home last Thanksgiving. Cruz’s mother died of pneumonia Nov. 1, leaving him without parents. He stayed briefly with a friend in the Lantana area but wanted to move on. *Please turn to CRUZ, A3*

Quiet zones mean trains will toot less

BY KEVIN SPEAR | Staff Writer

Central Florida residents may in the coming year begin to appreciate notes of nostalgia when trains chug through the region, trumpeting over and over their melody of two long blasts, a short and a long. That’s because Orange and Seminole counties, their cities and Kissimmee are on track to finish what they started many years ago, establishing “quiet zones” at dozens of safety-enhanced crossings where engineers will no longer blow their horns unless danger arises. “We have a lot of crossings,” Maitland city manager Sharon Anselmo said. “You can hear the horns going from one side of the city to the other.” While many crossings will get upgrades this year, uncertainty remains about the timing — whether weeks or months — of final federal approval required to go live with quiet zones. Kissimmee officials expect to activate quiet

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At dozens of safety-enhanced crossings, like this one at Florida Hospital, train engineers will no longer blow their horns unless danger arises.

Home sales climb east, west of Orlando

BY MARY SHANKLIN
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The hot spot driving the greatest share of home sales in the core Orlando market sits atop former citrus groves nestled between historic Winter Garden and Disney theme parks, new data shows. Winter Garden, with its century-old downtown buildings and bike trail, had 40 percent more sales last year than any other ZIP code within an area of mostly Orange and Seminole counties, according to data from the Orlando Regional Realtor Association. The trend has been fueled with new Horizon West communities such as Hamlin and Independence, brokers say. Other top-selling pockets include Oviedo in east Seminole County, Waterford Lakes in east Orange and Windermere in southwest Orange County, according to an analysis of last year’s Orlando-area home sales

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NASCAR’s future stars go high-tech

BY GEORGE DÍAZ
Staff Writer

DAYTONA BEACH — Many kids these days are obsessed by virtual reality. It’s a 24-7 hookup, despite the exasperated cries of “no electronics!” from parents just hoping to get a 15-minute dinner break. But what if your kid looked at you and insisted there were pragmatic applications in play? What if this virtual world was simply a portal into a career with seven-figure earnings potential? The NASCAR Cup Series is the highest-paying gig in stock-car racing. But a few tiers down, iRacing simulators are giving rise to the stars of tomorrow. William Byron, all of 20, will be among the 40 select drivers who will rev their engines for the 60th running of the Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway this

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